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BRYAN DEFENDS SHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS.

Those German sympathizers who have been lambasting the president because the shipment of arms from this country to the belligerents is permitted and who have become so fond of Bryan since his resignation, can find no comfort in the views of the former secretary on this question.

In his statement to German-Americans Mr. Bryan defends the administration's policy with reference to the shipment of munitions of war to Europe and clearly shows why any other policy than the one that is being pursued would contravene the requirements of neutrality. Read carefully what Mr. Bryan has to say, as follows:

"The president has been unjustly criticized by the partisans of both sides—the very best evidence of his neutrality. If he had so conducted the government as to wholly please either side it would excite not only astonishment, but indignation. For partisans cannot give an unbiased judgment; they will of necessity look at the question from their own point of view, giving praise or blame according as the act, regardless of its real character, helps or hurts the side with which they have aligned themselves.

"The fact that the administration has received more criticism from German-Americans than from those in sympathy with the allies is due to the fact that, while both sides are at liberty, under international law, to purchase munitions in the United States, the allies, because of their control of the seas, have the advantage of being able to export it.

"It is unfortunate that partisan supporters of Germany should have overlooked the legal requirements of the situation and have thus misunderstood the position of the administration.

"The administration's position has not only been perfectly neutral, but it could not have been otherwise without a palpable and intentional violation of the rules governing neutrality. This government is not at liberty to materially change the rules of international law during the war because every change suggested is discussed not upon its merits as an abstract proposition but according to the effect it will have upon the contest.

"Those who wanted to lay an embargo upon the shipments of arms defended their position on the ground that it would hasten peace, but it is strange that they could have overlooked the fact that the only way in which such action on our part could hasten peace would have been by helping one side to overcome the other."

GERMAN ACTION IN LUSITANIA CASE NOT JUSTIFIABLE.

"The position seemingly taken by Germany, namely, that she is entitled

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to crown non-combatants because they ride with contraband, is an untenable position."

From a mere glance at the above paragraph one might suppose that it was from the American note to Germany, but it is not. It was written by Mr. Bryan and is an extract from one of his statements issued subsequent to his resignation.

It will be noted that the view expressed by Mr. Bryan is precisely that of the president as conveyed in both of the notes to Germany. The position taken by President Wilson is that the sinking of an unarmed merchantman without giving the non-combatants aboard an opportunity to escape was unjustifiable and in violation of well-known and long-recognized principles of international law.

Mr. Bryan says the position "seemingly taken by Germany" is untenable. Apparently he isn't convinced by the answer to the first American note that even Germany defends the drowning of non-combatants because "they ride with contraband." It would seem, therefore, that Bryan and Wilson are in perfect accord on this, the fundamental point involved in the controversy.

When it is further considered that the last note to the Berlin government was couched in extremely friendly terms, leaving the way open for further negotiations whereby a complete understanding might be reached, and not even hinting at anything in the nature of an ultimatum, the action of Mr. Bryan in quitting the cabinet at a critical time becomes exceedingly difficult to explain.

Mr. Bryan said he had to resign to be true to the principle of arbitration to which he has long been devoted, by a reading of the American notes and a study of them in connection with Mr. Bryan's own statements fails to show wherein this principle was jeopardized in the least by the action of the administration.

While we can both attribute to Mr. Bryan any but the loftiest motives, in the light of all information now available, we are forced to conclude that his break with the administration was due to deeper causes than his disagreement with the president on the last German note.

A PEACE PLATFORM.

At a conference presided over by Ex-President Taft and participated in by many eminent Americans, held in Philadelphia this week, a "League to Enforce Peace" was launched. It is proposed to bind the nations together on the following platform:

"1. All justiciable questions arising between the signatories, not settled by negotiations, shall, subject to the limitations of treaties, be submitted to a judicial tribunal for hearing and judgment, both upon the merits and upon any issue as to the justice of the question.

"2. All other questions arising between the signatories and not settled by negotiations shall be referred to a council of conciliation for hearing, consideration and recommendation.

"3. The signatory powers shall jointly use forthwith both their economic and military forces against any one of their number that goes to war or commits acts of hostility against another of the signatories before any question arising shall be submitted as provided in the foregoing.

"4. Conferences between the signatory powers shall be held from time to time to formulate and codify rules of international law which, unless supplementary shall signify its dissent with in a stated period, shall thereafter govern in the decisions of the judicial tribunal mentioned in Article 1."

JUST A THOUGHT

HERE THE DAY IS GONE.

Everytime a man is guilty of an untruth, every time he is betrayed into an inexactness of statement, to a greater or to a less extent, he is untrue

to himself, and so to mankind. The very fact that the world palliates this in every way proves at once the prevalence and danger of the habit. Loose speaking means loose thinking, and as the writer of Proverbs has said of a man, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."—Christian Science Monitor.

A STOLEN SMILE'R TWO.

Appraised.
"As nearly as I can make out," said the suspicious person, "you are what they call a literary hack."

"No," replied Mr. Penwinkle, wearily. "I'm not even a hack. I'm a jinx."—Washington Star.

The Bright Side.
The pessimist was suffering from rheumatism.

"Every bone in my body aches," he complained.
"You ought to be glad you are not a herring," said the optimist.—Tit-Bits.

Light.
"How do you know that 'Hink' has lost a place in salary?"

"He means that the salary is being better; that he doesn't want money. He has been greatly magnified, and that human nature isn't so bad, after all."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

SCRIPTURE.

Psalms, 98:1-2.
O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things, his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the harp, with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.



Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who will arrive tomorrow, to do the preaching in the series of meetings now in progress at First Baptist Church.

We've been telling you for months that you should clean up and pretty up but you wouldn't pay any attention to our free advice. However, it's different when the mayor speaks. You'd better heed him if you don't want to get into trouble.

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shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

THE BITTER TRUTH

After you've practiced lying awhile you can't even tell the truth so anybody'll believe it.

Better leave well enough alone when it's your neighbor's.

Even the human peach is hard to digest when taken green.

There are lots of dogs that are better bred than their owners.

We'd get ahead faster if some of the folks who are riding would get off and push.

The devil never fails to foreclose a mortgage.

A good son makes a good father.

A soft head always has hard luck.

You can't buy a return ticket when you're going to the bad.

A woman who can't raise children can often raise Cain.—Binghamton Press.

BRILLIANTS

There is only one sort of shabbiness that matters, a shabbiness of the soul.—Edwin Pugh.

It is indeed a good thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors.—Plutarch.

A little hope planted in another body's garden is apt to fly a seed and sprout in your own patch.—Marie Thompson Davies.

Courtesy is the eye which overlooks your friend's broken gateway, but sees the rose which blossoms in his garden.—Anon.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- The Value of Time.
- The Success of Perseverance.
- The Pleasure of Working.
- The Dignity of Simplicity.
- The Worth of Character.
- The Power of Kindness.
- The Influence of Example.—Marshall Field.
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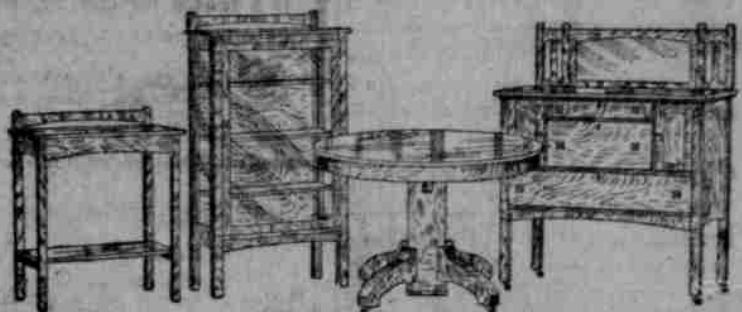
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